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TOPIC Soviet Artillery Units at Altengrabow

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REMARKS

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1. During the period from 23 March to 7 April 1951, Soviet troops arrived at Altengrabow (N 53/Z 00) aboard eight trains and started record firing. Motor vehicles [redacted] with each of the eight units included truck [redacted] of a light artillery unit; prime movers [redacted] of heavy artillery units; trucks [redacted] and trucks [redacted] of artillery units. In addition, an artillery battalion from Bernburg was at Altengrabow. [redacted] 60,000 to 70,000 troops were expected to come to Altengrabow during the forthcoming weeks. (1)

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2. An artillery unit with vehicles [redacted] left Altengrabow by rail on 23 March. (2)
3. On 7 April, the South Camp of Altengrabow quartered five artillery or AAA battalions, and the North Camp two artillery battalions and a target construction unit [redacted] and was permanently stationed at Altengrabow. Thirty-six 122-mm artillery pieces were observed in the southern section of the North Camp. About 30 medium and heavy AA guns, covered with tarpaulins, were lined up along the western edge of the North Camp.
4. A unit with a captive balloon has been stationed at Altengrabow airfield since 1 April. Personnel of this unit wore blue-bordered epaulets. A captive balloon was seen in the air on 2 April, apparently directing artillery fire for the units. (4)
5. At the end of March, a heavy field wire line was constructed and new telephone poles were set up from Camp Altengrabow to Millersleben via Moeckern and Burg.

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